

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 1/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7, 11, 17 and 20-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Krischke on 4/10/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 7, after the phrase "wire member", ---coupled to said first side--- is inserted therein.

Claim 1, line 8, the phrase "at least two hooks," is replaced with ---at least two hooks coupled to said second side,---

Claim 11, line 8, the phrase "a first U-shaped member;" is replaced with ---a first U-shaped member coupled to said first side;---

Claim 11, line 11, the phrase "a plurality of hooks." is replaced with ---a plurality of hooks coupled to said second side.---

Claim 17, line 4, the phrase "a bracket" is replaced with ---a first bracket and a second bracket each---

Claim 17, line 7, the word "first" is deleted

Claim 17, line 10, the phrase "at least" is deleted

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Claim 17, line 10-11, the phrase "one of a plurality of slots to receive a second U-shaped member extending from" is deleted

Claim 17, line 11, the phrase "said pan support wire member" is deleted

Claim 17, line 12, the word "and" is deleted

Claim 17, line 15, the word "portion." is replaced with ---portion; and wherein said plurality of slots in said first rail of said first bracket receive said U-shaped member and said plurality of apertures in said second rail of said second bracket receive a corresponding hook of said plurality of hooks.---

Claim 19 has been canceled

Claim 21, line 3, before the word "defining", ---having a U-shaped member--- has been inserted therein

Claim 21, line 6, before the word "forming", ---having a plurality of slots--- has been inserted therein

Claim 21, line 8, the phrase "apertures for receiving" has been changed to ---apertures receiving---

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 11, 17, and 21, recite a pan support with a first side with a U-shaped wire member and a second side with a plurality of hooks. A first bracket is coupled to the U-shaped wire member and a second bracket is coupled to the plurality of hooks. The prior art of record does not teach or suggest two brackets using two different coupling methods on different sides of a pan support.

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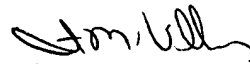
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy M. Ayres whose telephone number is (571) 272-8299. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-THU 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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